

[4 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

BILL for Ayurvedic System of Medicines

1462. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intend to introduce a Bill to enable introduction of Goods Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for the Ayurvedic System of Medicines; and
- (b) if so, by when the Bill would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for Ayurved, Siddha and Unani Drugs have been notified under Rule 157-Schedule 'T'-of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act-1940 and Rules-1945, with effect from 23rd June 2000.

This has statutory force.

Special Technology Mission for Population Control

1463. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the details of Special Technology Mission to be set up in six States for population control;
- (b) whether participation of private sector or NGOs has been ensured in the said programme;
- (c) if so, what are the details thereof and how it would be monitored;
- (d) whether it is a fact that India has, so far, not been able to control her population growth, despite so many planning and programme; and
- (e) what is the reaction of Government on it and how the shortcomings would be overcome now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) At the first meeting of the National Commission on population,